

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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June 2021 Edition

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Since 2018, the Board of Commissioners, through the Office of the Township Manager, have been focusing on increasing effective communication with the citizens they serve. In the past three years, the Township has worked to improve both physical and online communications. We have made significant investments in technology to enhance the government access channel, filming capabilities, financial transparency, and public engagement. We have redesigned the Township website, and updated printed materials such as the Township Calendar and Parks and Recreation Activities Guides.

This year we have been working diligently to upgrade the financial software of the Township to OpenGov. Doing so will enable us to deploy a user-friendly public-facing portal where residents can view and analyze Township budgets, expenses, and incoming revenue. We have also been working on updating our permitting software to the OpenGov platform with the intent of enabling online transactions rather than requiring permit business to be conducted in-person or by mail. Furthermore, the Township continues to expand its use of geographical information systems so that residents can use Township data to make more informed decisions and to find information more quickly. We are also working to connect with you, on the platforms you frequent and through the media you prefer, with the creation of Twitter and Instagram accounts and the development of informational videos and continuous updates to the Township website.

This newsletter is an example of the commitment to the Board of Commissioners' vision and the desire to engage our residents. Below you will find Township-wide news and updates, Department information, helpful tips, and spotlights of Township Departments, and to the right of this message, you will find upcoming Township meetings. The newsletter will be sent the first week of each month, with the intent to increase its frequency over time. We are excited to take this next step in communications and encourage you to spread the word about this newsletter to your family, friends, and neighbors.

Best Regards,
Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

JUNE MEETINGS

6/2 Land Use, Public Affairs,
Public Safety, Public Works Committees,
CANCELLED

6/2 Human Relations Commission,
7 PM

6/3 Special Meeting, Planning Commission,
7:30 PM

6/8 Shade Tree Commission,
7:30 PM

6/9 Environmental Advisory Council,
7:30 PM

6/10 Board of Commissioners,
6:30 PM

6/10 Committee of the Whole,
7 PM

6/15 Comprehensive Plan
Development Team,
6 PM

6/15 Zoning Hearing Board,
7 PM

6/17 Finance Committee,
7 PM

6/22 Economic Development Committee,
CANCELLED

6/22 Planning Commission,
7:30 PM

6/24 Vacant Property Review Board,
6:30 PM

6/28 Library Board,
7 PM

6/30 July Committee Meetings,
Land Use, Public Affairs,
Public Safety, Public Works,
7 PM

QUICK LINKS

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[Tax Office](#)

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NEWS & UPDATES

REGISTER FOR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA NOTIFICATIONS

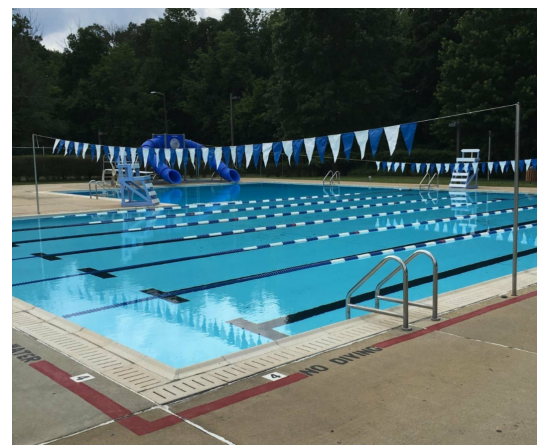
Residents who would like to receive public meeting agendas can sign up for email notifications at

Agenda Notification Sign Up Instructions

1. Go to www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas
2. Scroll to "Email Updates" box, which is located above "Upcoming Events"
3. Type your email into the box
4. Confirm email address and create login, if desired
5. Create login to manage subscription preferences, if desired (not required)
6. Select agendas you would like to receive
7. Click submit at the bottom of the page
8. Complete personalization questions, if desired (not required)

TOWNSHIP POOLS OPEN ON 6/26

Abington Township's two pool facilities, Penbryn Park and Crestmont Park, open on Saturday, June 26, 2021. The pools will remain open through Labor Day, September 6, 2021. Normal hours of operation are 11 AM to 9 PM. For more information, including pool rules, membership options, and how to register, please visit www.abingtonpa.gov/pools.



SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM BEGINS ON 6/23

The 2021 Abington Township Summer Youth Meal Program begins on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. This is a federally funded child nutrition program that provides a nutritious free lunch each weekday to any child 18 years of age or younger. The program operates Monday through Friday, during the hours of 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Crestmont Park (2592 Rubicam Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090). The program runs through August 13, 2021. More information at www.abingtonpa.gov/summermealprogram.

LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PUBLIC SURVEY, MAPPING TOOL, & PUBLIC MEETING

Feedback wanted! Help our Local Climate Action Plan Collaborative by completing a community survey and identifying local climate issues using the reporter mapping tool.

- [Click here to take the community survey.](#)
- [Click here to report climate issues through the reporter mapping tool.](#)
- [Click here to visit the Climate Action Plan webpage.](#)



Public Meeting #3 is scheduled for June 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Stay up to date at www.abingtonpa.gov/climateplan.

2021 TOWNSHIP PHOTO CONTEST

Abington Township is seeking photos that best capture the Abington community for use in Township publications. Submit your photos for a chance to be featured in Abington Township publications, on social media, and the Township website in each of the five categories listed below. There will be one (1) adult winner and one (1) youth (17 & under) winner per category. The contest is open to both residents and non-residents. **The deadline to submit your images is Monday, June 14, 2021.** Winners will be announced in July. For more information or to submit your photos, please visit www.abingtonpa.gov/photocontest.

Photo Categories:

1. Groups of People
2. Favorite Places

- 3. Natural Areas & Parks
- 4. Community & Special Events
- 5. Overall Charm & Character of Abington Township

Please note: All photos must be taken in Abington Township and must be within public spaces.

For more news, please visit our website at www.abingtonpa.gov.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



VIRTUAL RAIN BARREL WORKSHOPS

JUNE 3, 2021 at 7 PM &
JUNE 8, 2021 at 7 PM

Join the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) as they teach you about the benefits of rain barrels and how to install them on your property.

[More Info](#)



"ANYTHING WITH A PLUG" ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021
9 AM - 12 PM

Residents can drop off unwanted electronics to be recycled at the Public Works Yard located at 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001. Please note: There is a cost for TV's and monitors.

[More Info](#)



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021

Dispose of household hazardous waste at Abington Junior High School, located at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001. **This event is by appointment only. Registration is required.** Please click the button below for more information or to register.

[More Info](#)

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar.

TIP OF THE MONTH

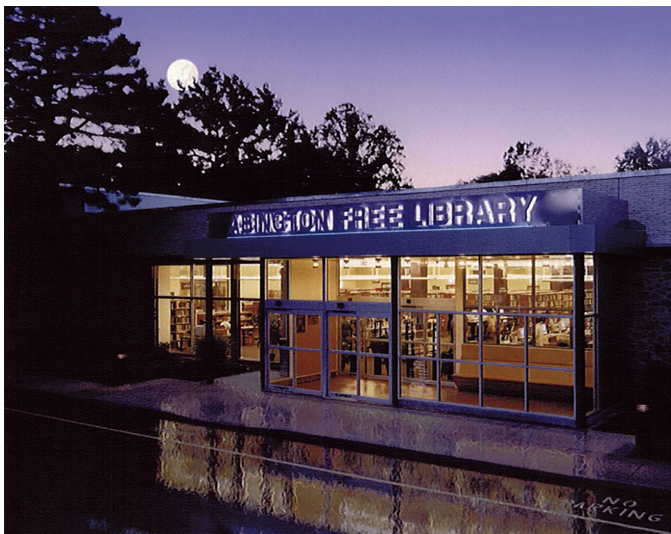


Grilling season has begun! Stay safe with these grilling tips from our Fire Services Department:

- Move the grill at least 3 feet away from siding, decking, and other things that can catch fire.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill when it's hot.
- Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- Keep your grill clean so leftover grease and fat won't catch on fire.
- After the coals have cooled, place coals from the grill into a metal trash can with a lid and place it 3 feet away from anything that can catch fire. Do not store under a deck.

Visit our Fire Services Department page!

SPOTLIGHT



We are thrilled to announce that Abington Free Library at 1030 Old York Road is now open to in-person visits! After over a year of having the building closed, patrons are now welcome inside to browse and borrow, use our public computers for 30 minute sessions, access our wifi, print, copy, and fax, check out museum passes, and so much more! During the first phase of reopening, the Library will have limited hours. Our curbside pickup service will still be available (self-serve in the lobby), and Laptop Café will be open on days the building is not. To view the revised schedule and available services, please visit <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/news>.

Please note: Roslyn Branch Library remains closed to the public.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wastewater	AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov	215.886.0934
Code Enforcement	codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1000 ext. 4
Tax Office	jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1024
Traffic Safety	trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1100
Pot Holes	potholes@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
Fire Services	firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1055
Parks & Recreation	parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov	215.576.5213

IMPORTANT LINKS

Township Website	Applications & Forms	Police Department
Employment Opportunities	Trash Collection & Recycling	Fire Department
Parks & Recreation	Large Item Pick Up	Contact Us & Location

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